

DETAILED ACTION

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Brian Ho on 12/21/10.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please change claim 46, to the following:

A system as claimed in claim ~~41~~34, wherein the further electrode is ~~also~~ disposed on the flexible backing of insulating material.

Please change claim 47, lines 1 to the following:

A system as claimed in claim ~~41~~31, wherein for each

Please change claim 48, lines 1 to the following:

A system as claimed in claim ~~41~~31, wherein each

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims and explanations over the references as provided in the interview as well as the formal response along with the clarification of the electrical characteristic immediately underlying the electrode at the surface would overcome the art of record. Examiner was unable to find art teaching a device or method for carrying this out.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Renee Danega whose telephone number is (571)270-3639. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday 8:30-5:00 eastern time.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Max Hindenburg can be reached on (571) 272-4726. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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